GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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COURSE FOR NRI`S BY CBSE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Central Boardof Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to start a specialcourse for the Indian diaspora, the lessons 'desi' culture as reported in Hindu dated 16.4.2003;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the CBSE had agreed to develop special course for NRIs two years ago;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in fulfilling its obligations; and

(e) the time schedule for completion of said work by CBSE?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b): As per information furnished by the Central Board ofSecondary Education (CBSE), the Board has planned to launch courses on Indian language and Indian culture to cater to the needs of the Indian diaspora at the following levels:

- Parichaya (Foundation)
- Prabodh (Functional)
- Praveen (Advanced)

The courses will be open to the Indians of all age groups. It will be in the form of self-learning packages consisting of printed materials and CD-Roms.

(c) to (e): CBSE is in the process of developing the materials.